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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-20 and 27-30, drawn to an industrial controller system and a method for providing an industrial controller with functionality, classified in class 700, subclass 19.